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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed April 26, 2005. Claims 1-37 are pending. Claims 1-37 were restricted under 35 USC § 121 as follows:

- I. Claims 1-13 drawn to an antistatic agent, classified in class 568, subclass 583 among many others depending on the exact chemical identity of the agent;
- II. Claims 14-22 and 28-32, drawn to various articles, classified in class 428, subclass 357 among many others depending on the exact structure of the article;
- III. Claims 23-27, drawn to antistatic compositions, classified in class 524, subclass 186 among many others depending on the exact ingredients in the compositions.
- IV. Claims 33-37, drawn to processes for preparing antistatic compositions, classified in class 264, subclass 211 among many others depending on the exact process conditions.

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Election

Applicants elect Group I, i.e., claims 1-13. This election is made without traverse.

As required, Applicants elect the following single species of antistatic agent if no generic claim is deemed allowable, namely the anion:

$\text{N}(\text{SO}_2\text{CF}_3)_2$ (and which is disclosed at page 9, second column, third anion down), and the cation:

$\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{37}\text{N}(\text{CH}_3)[(\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{O})_m\text{H}][(\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{O})_n\text{H}]$ wherein $m+n=15$ (and which is disclosed at page 14, lines 18-19.

Of elected claims 1-13, claims 1-4, 6, 9-11, and 13 are generic to this species.

Conclusion

Applicants respectfully submit that claims 1-13 are patentable and request notice to that effect.

Respectfully submitted,

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